

## **ANNEX Z: DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS**

### **TAB A: ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

<b>AAC</b>	Alaska Administrative Code
<b>ACA</b>	Area Command Authority
<b>ACGIH</b>	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
<b>ACP</b>	Area Contingency Plan
<b>ACS</b>	Alaska Clean Seas
<b>ADAdm</b>	(Alaska) Department of Administration
<b>ADAPTS</b>	Air Deliverable Anti-Pollution Transfer System
<b>ADCED</b>	(Alaska) Department of Commerce and Economic Development
<b>ADCRA</b>	(Alaska) Department of Community and Regional Affairs
<b>ADEC</b>	(Alaska) Department of Environmental Conservation
<b>ADFG</b>	(Alaska) Department of Fish and Game
<b>ADHSS</b>	(Alaska) Department of Health and Social Services
<b>ADLaw</b>	(Alaska) Department of Law
<b>ADMVA</b>	(Alaska) Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
<b>ADNR</b>	(Alaska) Department of Natural Resources
<b>ADOA</b>	(Alaska) Department of Administration
<b>ADOL</b>	(Alaska) Department of Labor
<b>ADOT/PF</b>	(Alaska) Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
<b>ADPS</b>	(Alaska) Department of Public Safety
<b>AI-TC</b>	Alaska Inter-Tribal Council
<b>AJE</b>	Inter-Departmental Accounting Journal Entry

<b>AKNG</b>	Alaska National Guard ( <i>part of the DMVA</i> )
<b>AKSAS</b>	Alaska State Accounting System
<b>ALCOM</b>	Alaska Command
<b>AMS</b>	Aerial Measuring System
<b>AO</b>	Authorized Officer
<b>AOO</b>	Alaska Operations Office (EPA)
<b>APO</b>	Alaska Pipeline Office
<b>APSC</b>	Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
<b>ARAC</b>	Atmospheric Release Advisory Capability
<b>ARRT</b>	Alaska Regional Response Team
<b>AS</b>	Alaska Statute
<b>ASDF</b>	Alaska State Defense Force
<b>AST</b>	Alaska State Troopers
<b>ASTM</b>	American Society for Testing and Materials
<b>ATON</b>	Aids to Navigation
<b>ATSDR</b>	Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry HHS
<b>ATV</b>	All-Terrain Vehicle
<b>AVSUPFAC Cordova</b>	Aviation Support Facility Cordova (U.S. Coast Guard)
<b>BIA</b>	Bureau of Indian Affairs
<b>BLM</b>	Bureau of Land Management
<b>BOA</b>	Basic Order Agreement
<b>BOD</b>	Biological Oxygen Demand
<b>BOM</b>	Bureau of Mines

<b>CAC</b>	Crisis Action Center
<b>CAP</b>	Civil Air Patrol
<b>CART</b>	Central Alaska Response Team (ADEC)
<b>CCGD17</b>	Commander, Coast Guard District Seventeen
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control
<b>CEC</b>	Community Emergency Coordinator
<b>CERCLA</b>	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
<b>CFM</b>	Cubic Feet per Minute
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>CGSB</b>	Canadian General Standards Board
<b>CHEMTREC</b>	Chemical Transportation Emergency Center
<b>CHLOREP</b>	Mutual Aid group of shippers and carriers of Chlorine
<b>CHRIS</b>	Chemical Hazard Response Information System
<b>CISPRI</b>	Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc.
<b>COMDTINST</b>	Commandant Instruction (USCG)
<b>COMPACAREA</b>	Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area
<b>COTP</b>	Captain of the Port US Coast Guard
<b>CRC</b>	Coastal Resource Coordinator
<b>CWA</b>	Clean Water Act
<b>DAF</b>	Dissolved Air Flotation
<b>DASMASS</b>	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Support
<b>DAU</b>	Damage Assessment Unit

<b>DCST</b>	Designated Contract Support Team
<b>DES</b>	(Alaska) Division of Emergency Services ( <i>part of DMVA</i> )
<b>DFO</b>	Disaster Field Office
<b>DOC</b>	U.S. Department of Commerce
<b>DOD</b>	U.S. Department of Defense
<b>DOE</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>DOI</b>	U.S. Department of the Interior
<b>DOJ</b>	U.S. Department of Justice
<b>DOL</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>DOL</b>	Directorate of Logistics (DOD ALCOM)
<b>DOS</b>	U.S. Department of State
<b>DOT</b>	U.S. Department of Transportation
<b>DPA</b>	District Public Affairs
<b>DRAT</b>	District Response Advisory Team
<b>DRG</b>	District Response Group
<b>DSPAR</b>	Division of Spill Prevention and Response (ADEC)
<b>EBS</b>	State Emergency Broadcast System
<b>EENET</b>	Emergency Education Network (FEMA)
<b>EERU</b>	Environmental Emergency Response Unit
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone
<b>EHS</b>	Extremely Hazardous Substance
<b>EMT</b>	Emergency Medical Team
<b>EOC</b>	Emergency Operations Center

<b>EOP</b>	Emergency Operations Plan
<b>EPA</b>	US Environmental Protection Agency
<b>ERAMS</b>	Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System
<b>ERCS</b>	Emergency Response Cleanup Services Contracts
<b>ERT</b>	Emergency Response Team
<b>ESA</b>	Environmentally Sensitive Area
<b>ESD</b>	Environmental Services Division (EPA)
<b>ESF</b>	Emergency Support Functions
<b>FAA</b>	Federal Aviation Administration
<b>FCO</b>	Federal Coordinating Officer
<b>FDA</b>	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
<b>FEMA</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency
<b>FLSA</b>	Fair Labor Standards Act
<b>FNSB</b>	Fairbanks North Star Borough
<b>FOG</b>	Field Operations Guide
<b>FOSC</b>	Federal On-Scene Coordinator
<b>FPN</b>	Federal Pollution Number
<b>FRERP</b>	Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan
<b>FRMAC</b>	Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center
<b>FRP</b>	Federal Response Plan (for catastrophic events)
<b>FTS</b>	Federal Telecommunications Service
<b>FWPCA</b>	Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act of 1977)
<b>FWS</b>	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

<b>GRS</b>	Geographic Response Strategy
<b>GSA</b>	U.S. General Services Administration
<b>HACS</b>	Hazardous Assessment Computer System
<b>HAZMAT</b>	Hazardous Material
<b>HAZWOPER</b>	Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
<b>HB</b>	House Bill (State of Alaska)
<b>HHS</b>	Department of Health and Human Service
<b>HS</b>	Hazardous Substance
<b>HP</b>	Horsepower
<b>HSSTRC</b>	Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council
<b>IAEA</b>	International Atomic Energy Agency
<b>IAP</b>	Incident Action Plan
<b>IC</b>	Incident Commander
<b>ICS</b>	Incident Command System
<b>ID</b>	Identification
<b>INMARSAT</b>	International Maritime Satellite Organization
<b>ISB</b>	In Situ Burning
<b>JIC</b>	Joint Information Center
<b>JRT</b>	Joint Response Team
<b>LCP</b>	Local Contingency Plan
<b>LEPC</b>	Local Emergency Planning Committee
<b>LEPD</b>	Local Emergency Planning District
<b>LERP</b>	Local Emergency Response Plan

<b>LOSC</b>	Local On-Scene Coordinator
<b>MAC</b>	Multiagency Coordination Committee
<b>MEP</b>	Marine Environmental Protection Branch, CCGD17
<b>MLC PAC</b>	Maintenance and Logistical Command, Pacific U.S.C.G.
<b>MMS</b>	Minerals Management Service
<b>MOA</b>	Memorandum of Agreement
<b>MOA</b>	Municipality of Anchorage
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MSD</b>	Marine Safety Detachment
<b>MSD</b>	Marine Sanitation Device
<b>MSDS</b>	Material Safety Data Sheet
<b>MSO</b>	Marine Safety Office
<b>NAAQS</b>	National Ambient Air Quality Standard
<b>NART</b>	Northern Alaska Response Team (ADEC)
<b>NAVSUPSALV</b>	U.S. Navy Supervisor of Salvage
<b>NCP</b>	National Oil and Hazardous Substance Contingency Plan
<b>NETAC</b>	National Environmental Technology Applications Corporation
<b>NFPA</b>	National Fire Protection Association
<b>NFS</b>	National Forest Service
<b>NIC</b>	National Incident Commander
<b>NIIMS</b>	National Interagency Incident Management System
<b>NIOSH</b>	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
<b>NIST</b>	National Institute of Standards and Technology

<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
<b>NPDES</b>	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
<b>NPFC</b>	National Pollution Fund Center
<b>NPS</b>	National Park Service
<b>NRC</b>	National Response Center
<b>NRC</b>	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
<b>NRDA</b>	Natural Resource Damage Assessment
<b>NRS</b>	National Response System
<b>NRT</b>	National Response Team
<b>NSF</b>	National Strike Force
<b>NSFCC</b>	National Strike Force Coordination Center
<b>NWS</b>	National Weather Service
<b>OCMI</b>	Officer in Charge Marine Inspections
<b>OCS</b>	Outer Continental Shelf
<b>OEPC</b>	Office of Emergency Policy and Compliance (DOI)
<b>OHMTADS</b>	Oil and Hazardous Materials Technical Assistance Data System
<b>OHSRPRF</b>	Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Prevention and Response Fund
<b>OPA</b>	Oil Pollution Act of 1990
<b>OPCEN</b>	Coast Guard District Operations Center
<b>OSC</b>	On-Scene Coordinator
<b>OSHA</b>	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<b>OSLTF</b>	Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund



<b>OSRO</b>	Oil Spill Response Organization
<b>OWOCS</b>	Open Water Oil Containment and Recovery System
<b>PAAT</b>	Public Affairs Assist Team
<b>PAG</b>	Protective Action Guidelines
<b>PAH</b>	Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons
<b>PAO</b>	Public Affairs Officer
<b>PCN</b>	Position Control Number
<b>PEL</b>	Permissible Exposure Limit
<b>PIAT</b>	Public Information Assist Team
<b>PIC</b>	Pressurized Ion Chamber
<b>PIO</b>	Public Information Officer
<b>PM-10</b>	10-micron Particulate Matter
<b>POLREP</b>	Pollution Report (in message format)
<b>POTW</b>	Publicly Owned Treatment Works
<b>PPE</b>	Personal Protective Equipment
<b>PPM</b>	Parts per million
<b>PREP</b>	National Preparedness for Exercise Program
<b>PRFA</b>	Pollution Removal Funding Authorization
<b>PSI</b>	Pollution Standard Index (also pounds per square inch)
<b>PST</b>	Pacific Strike Team
<b>RAC</b>	Response Action Contractor
<b>RAP</b>	Radiological Assistance Program (also Response Action Plan)
<b>REAC/TS</b>	Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site

<b>RATNET</b>	Rural Alaska Television Network
<b>RCAC</b>	Regional Citizen's Advisory Council
<b>RCC</b>	Rescue Coordination Center
<b>RCP</b>	Regional Contingency Plan
<b>RCRA</b>	Resources Conservation and Recovery Act
<b>RI/FS</b>	Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
<b>RP</b>	Responsible Party
<b>RPM</b>	Remedial Project Manager
<b>RPOSC</b>	Responsible Party On-Scene Coordinator
<b>RRC</b>	Regional Response Center
<b>RRT</b>	Federal Regional Response Team
<b>RSA</b>	Reimbursable Service Agreement
<b>RSPA</b>	Research and Special Programs Administration (Office of Pipeline Safety)
<b>SAR</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>SARA</b>	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
<b>SART</b>	Southeast Alaska Response Team (ADEC)
<b>SCO</b>	State Coordinating Officer
<b>SCOC</b>	State Citizen's Oversight Council on Oil and other Hazardous Substances
<b>SEAPRO</b>	Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization Inc.
<b>SECC</b>	State Emergency Coordination Center
<b>SERC</b>	State Emergency Response Commission
<b>SERVS</b>	(Alyeska) Ship Escort Response Vessel System

<b>SHPO</b>	State Historical Preservation Officer
<b>SITREP</b>	Situation Report (State)
<b>SKIM</b>	Spill Cleanup Equipment Inventory System
<b>SONS</b>	Spill of National Significance
<b>SOSC</b>	State On-Scene Coordinator
<b>SPAR</b>	Spill Prevention and Response Division (ADEC)
<b>SPCC</b>	Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan
<b>SPCO</b>	State Pipeline Coordinator's Office
<b>SSC</b>	Scientific Support Coordinator
<b>SSHO</b>	Site Safety and Health Officer
<b>SSHP</b>	Site Safety and Health Supervisor
<b>SUSV</b>	Small Unit Support Vehicle
<b>TAD</b>	Temporary Active Duty
<b>TAPS</b>	Trans Alaska Pipeline System
<b>TAT</b>	Technical Assistance Team (EPA)
<b>TOPs</b>	Technical Operating Procedures
<b>UAF</b>	University of Alaska Fairbanks
<b>UCS</b>	Unified Command System
<b>USACE</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
<b>USAFAK</b>	US Air Force Alaska
<b>USARAK</b>	US Army Alaska
<b>USCG</b>	U.S. Coast Guard
<b>USDA</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture

<b>USFS</b>	U.S. Forest Service
<b>USGS</b>	U.S. Geological Survey
<b>USN</b>	U.S. Navy
<b>VOSS</b>	Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System
<b>WHEC</b>	Coast Guard High Endurance Cutter
<b>WLI</b>	Coast Guard Inland Buoy Tender
<b>WLB</b>	Coast Guard Seagoing Buoy Tender
<b>WMEC</b>	Coast Guard Medium Endurance Cutter
<b>WPB</b>	Coast Guard Patrol Boat

## **TAB B:      DEFINITIONS**

**Activation:** notification by telephone or other expeditious manner or, when required, the assembly of appropriate members of the RRT.

**Barrel:** a measure of space occupied by 42 U.S. gallons at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Clean Water Act:** the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-500), as amended by the Clean Water Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-217), as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 - 1376).

**Coastal Waters:** for the purpose of classifying the size of discharge, means the waters of the coastal zone and specified ports and harbors on inland rivers.

**Command post:** a site located at a safe distance from the spill site where response decisions are made, equipment and manpower deployed, and communications handled. State incident command personnel are located at the command post.

**Community Right-To-Know:** Federal legislation requiring disclosure of hazardous chemical information to local fire departments, the Local Emergency Planning Commission and the State Emergency Response Commission and to local citizens on request (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, SARA Title III).

**Containment and clean-up:** includes all direct and indirect efforts associated with the abatement, restriction of movement or removal of an oil or hazardous substance spill, and the restoration of the environment to its former state, and all incidental administrative costs.

**Cultural resources:** historic, prehistoric and archaeological resources which include deposits, structures, ruins, sites, buildings, graves, artifacts, fossils, or other objects of antiquity which provide information pertaining to the historical or prehistorical culture of people in the State as well as to the natural history of the State.

**Damage assessment:** the process of determining and measuring damages and injury to the human environment and natural resources, including cultural resources. Damages include differences between the conditions and use of natural resources and the human environment that would have occurred without the incident, and the conditions and use that ensued following the incident. Damage assessment includes planning for restoration and determining the costs of restoration.

**Disaster emergency:** the condition declared by proclamation of the Governor or declared by the principal executive officer of local government unit to designate the imminence or occurrence of a disaster in the State for the purpose of aiding the affected individuals and local government.

**Discharge:** spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, or dumping.

**Catastrophic discharge:** an oil discharge in excess of 100,000 barrels, or any other discharge of oil or hazardous substances which the Governor determines represents a grave and substantial threat to the economy or environment of the State.

**Major discharge:** a major oil discharge is a spill of over 10,000 gallons on inland waters and over 100,000 gallons on coastal waters or any other discharge of oil or a hazardous substance that results in a release that may require evacuation or sheltering of nearby residents or businesses or which causes a serious environmental threat.

**Medium discharge:** a medium oil discharge is a spill between 100 and 10,000 gallons on inland waters and 1000 to 100,000 gallons on coastal waters or any other discharge of oil or a hazardous substance which results in a localized release that may threaten the health and safety of people and emergency workers in the immediate area of the spill and/or present an environmental threat.

**Minor discharge:** a minor oil discharge is a spill of less than 100 gallons on inland waters and less than 1000 gallons on coastal waters or any other discharge of oil or a hazardous substance that does not threaten public health, safety or the environment.

**Dispersant:** a chemical agent used to enhance the break up of concentrations of spilled oil into droplets, thereby promoting mixing of oil into the water column and accelerating dilution and degradation rates.

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC):** the pre-designated site from where State and local governments direct and manage off-scene logistics support to on-scene emergency operations.

**First Federal Official:** the first Federal representative of a participating agency of the National Response Team (NRT) to arrive at the scene of a discharge or release. This official coordinates activities under this Plan and may initiate, in consultation with the FOSC, any necessary actions until the arrival of the pre-designated FOSC. A State with primary jurisdiction over a site covered by a cooperative agreement will act in the stead of the First Federal Official for any incident at the site.

**Hazardous substance:** an element or compound which, when it enters into the atmosphere or in or upon the water or surface land of the State, presents an imminent and substantial danger to the public health or welfare, including but not limited to fish, animals, vegetation, or any part of the natural habitat in which they are found (*includes oil*).

**HAZWOPER Training:** training required by 29 CFR 1910.120 for personnel involved in post emergency response operations.

**Human environment:** the social and economic systems, public health, and physical infrastructure of the State. Population, employment, income, subsistence use, government services, government revenues, and their cultural contexts are elements of social and economic systems. Public facilities, utilities, roads, airports, ports, buildings, and

communication systems are elements of physical infrastructure. Private facilities are included when the facility services a public purpose.

**Incident Action Plan:** the strategic goals, tactical objectives, and support requirements for the incident. All incidents require an action plan.

**Incident Command System (ICS):** the management tool to coordinate the efficient use of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications. An incident command system is designed to begin developing from the time an incident occurs until the requirement for management and operations no longer exists.

**Inland waters:** for the purpose of classifying the size of discharges, means those waters of the United States in the inland zone and specified ports and harbors on inland rivers.

**Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):** a group of local representatives appointed by the State Emergency Response Commission to prepare local oil and hazardous materials spill response plans as per the mandates of SARA Title III and in coordination with local jurisdiction boundaries.

**Local Emergency Planning District (LEPD):** Local emergency planning districts established by the State Emergency Response Commission under SARA Title III.

**Local Emergency Response Plan (LERP):** plans developed by Local Emergency Planning Committees under the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. LERP's must be reviewed by the State Emergency Response Commission.

**Local government:** a borough or city incorporated under Alaska law.

**Multiagency Coordination Committee (MAC):** the Regional MACs advise the Unified Command and provide recommendations/comments on incident priorities, objectives and the incident action plan. Regional MACs are specifically defined (i.e., composition and responsibilities) in each of the ten Sub-Area/Regional Contingency Plans (Volume IIs).

**Municipality:** a borough or city incorporated under Alaska law.

**Natural resources:** land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water, ground water, drinking water supplies, and other such resources belonging to, managed by, held in trust by, appertaining to or otherwise controlled by the State, federal government, private parties or a municipality.

**Oil:** liquid hydrocarbon of any kind and in any form, whether crude, refined, or a petroleum by-product, including but not limited to petroleum, fuel oil, gasoline, lubricating oils, oily sludge, oil refuse, oil mixed with other wastes, crude oils, liquefied natural gas, propane, butane, or other liquid hydrocarbons regardless of specific gravity.

**On-Scene Coordinator:** the official at the event responsible for coordinating response activities.

**FOSC:** Federal On-Scene Coordinator: The Federal Official predesignated by the US Coast Guard or USEPA to coordinate and direct Federal responses under Subpart D of the NCP, or the official designated by the lead agency to coordinate and direct removal actions under Subpart E of the NCP. Generally, the EPA will provide the FOSC for discharges or releases into or threatening the inland zone, and the USCG shall provide the FOSC for discharges or releases into or threatening the coastal zone. However, if the release is from a facility or vessel under the jurisdiction, custody or control of DOD or DOE, then DOD or DOE will be the lead agency and designate the FOSC. For releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants from a vessel or facility under the jurisdiction, custody or control of a Federal agency other than the USCG, EPA, DOD or DOE, then that Federal agency will provide the FOSC for all removal action that are not emergencies.

**LOSC:** The Local On-Scene Coordinator: the designated Community Emergency Coordinator under the Local Emergency Response Plan. Where no LERP exists, the police or fire chief or other emergency services official will serve as the LOSC.

**RPOSC:** The Responsible Party's On-Scene-Coordinator designated as command staff in the facility or vessel contingency plan.

**SOSC:** State On-Scene Coordinator: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation designee. Three SOSCs have been predesignated by the Commissioner.

**Pollutant or Contaminant:** defined by Section 104 (a)(2) of CERCLA, shall include, but not be limited to, any elements, substances, compound, or mixture, including disease-causing agents, which, after release into the environment and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation, or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingesting through the food chain, will or may reasonably be anticipated to cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutation, physiological malfunctions (including malfunctions in reproduction), or physical deformation in such organisms or their offspring. The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil and any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under Section 101(14)(A)-(F) of CERCLA, nor does it include natural gas, liquified natural gas and synthetic gas of pipeline quality (or mixture of natural gas and synthetic gas). For purposes of the NCP, the term pollutant or contaminant means any pollutant or contaminant which may present an imminent and substantial danger to public health or welfare.

**Prevention and Preparedness:** actions taken by agencies to reduce oil and hazardous substance discharges through policies, programs and authorities.

**Remedial investigation:** process undertaken by the lead agency (or responsible party if the responsible party will be developing a cleanup proposal) which emphasizes data collection and site characterization. The remedial investigation is generally performed concurrently and in an interdependent fashion with the feasibility study. However, in certain situations, the lead agency may require potentially responsible parties to conclude initial phases of the remedial investigation prior to initiation of the feasibility study. A remedial investigation is undertaken to



determine the nature and extent of the problem presented by the release. This includes sampling and monitoring, as necessary, and includes the gathering of sufficient information to determine the necessity for a proposed extent of remedial action. Part of the remedial investigation involves assessing the source of the contamination at or near the area where the hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants were originally located (source control remedial actions) or whether additional actions will be necessary because the hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants have migrated from the area of their original location (management of migration).

**Remedial Project Manager (RPM):** the official designated by the lead agency to coordinate, monitor, or direct remedial or other response actions under the NCP.

**Responsible party:** any person, operator, or facility that has control over an oil or hazardous substance immediately before entry of the oil or hazardous substance into the atmosphere or in or upon the water, surface, or subsurface land of the State.

**Restoration:** after injury, the process of returning an ecosystem to its former condition; includes both replacement and acquisition of equivalent resources and services. Although the responsible party is responsible for paying damages for injured resources, federal and State trustee agencies (and not the OSCs) are responsible for evaluating the need for and implementing any necessary restoration programs.

**State Emergency Response Commission (SERC):** a group of officials appointed by the Governor to implement the provisions of Title III of the Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). The SERC also reviews the State Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan and Local Emergency Response Plans.

**Subsistence economy:** an economy in which the customary and traditional uses of fish, wildlife, and plant resources contribute substantially to the social, cultural, and economic welfare of families in the form of food, clothing, transportation, and handicrafts. Sharing of resources, kinship-based production, small scale technology and the dissemination of information about subsistence across generational lines are additional characteristics.

**Waters of the State:** includes lakes, bays, sounds, ponds, impoundment reservoirs, springs, wells, rivers, streams, creeks, estuaries, marshes, inlets, passages, canals, the Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean, in the territorial limits of the State and all other bodies of surface or underground water, natural or artificial, public or private, inland or coastal, fresh or salt, which are wholly or partially in or bordering the State or under jurisdiction of the State.

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